WELCOME TO MEMBERS OF THE CONNECT INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH NETWORK ON INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE

This is our first newsletter to update you on our recent events and activities. We currently have over 200 members in the network. We hope that some of you will send us your news to share with members as our network grows. We would be keen to hear about any new campaigns, major new research initiatives and opportunities for collaborations, and the best research you have read in the past month.

Please send your news to lradford@uclan.ac.uk

Launch Events

A wonderful image of the inimitable Baroness Helena Kennedy QC introducing our Centre at the Launch Event in the House of Lords on 10th June 2013.

Chairing the event was Davina James-Hanman, Director of AVA (Against Violence and Abuse). Davina introduced our guest speaker, Prof Cathy Humphreys from the University of Melbourne and presentations from Prof Lorraine Radford, Prof Nicky Stanley and Dr Khatidja Chantler, all from Connect.

This London event followed our successful launch in Preston where Nazir Afzal OBE, Chief Crown Prosecutor for North West, chaired. Presentations from Nazir Afzal and other speakers from the event in Preston can be viewed on http://vls.ucla.ac.uk/Play8134. Both events highlighted the work already undertaken by the Connect Centre and new research projects being developed by the Centre.
Guest Visitors

Please email Lorna Burrow on LMBurrow1@uclan.ac.uk for more information and to register for our events.

Evan Stark, Professor at Rutgers University School of Public Affairs and Administration and author of the influential book Coercive Control: How men entrap women in personal life will be speaking at Connect on Tuesday 24th September 4 to 6 pm. All are welcome to attend this event but places are limited so please book early by emailing Lorna Burrow.

See Evan Stark on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLlXXt6WNsM

We are delighted to be hosting a visit to Connect by Sherry Hamby Research Professor of Psychology at the University of the South, USA and editor of the APA journal Psychology of Violence.

Sherry is author of the new book to be published this November by Oxford University Press called Battered Women’s Protective Strategies: Stronger Than You Know. On Wednesday 6th November at Connect Sherry will be giving a public seminar entitled A Strengths-Based Approach to Safety Planning for Domestic Violence where she will present findings from the new book. Everyone is welcome and places are free but please book soon by contacting Lorna Burrow at the email below. Sherry will also be our guest speaker at an invitation only round table event entitled “The Promise of the Positive in the Study of Resilience” to be held at Connect on Tuesday 5th November.

Other Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Part-time PhD
The Connect Centre will shortly be advertising a part-time PhD studentship in domestic violence. Check out http://www.uclan.ac.uk/research/study/studentships.php for details or email Nicky Stanley at NStanley@uclan.ac.uk from mid-August onwards.

Wales Mapping Study
Led by Prof Stanley, some Centre members are working on a project funded by the Welsh government to map all violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence services in Wales. We have started fieldwork and aim to complete the study by the end of 2013. If you have any queries please email: vlberry@uclan.ac.uk

STIR (Safeguarding Teenage Intimate Relationships)
This Europe-wide research in partnership with Bristol University, now has a website up and running www.STIRitUP.eu Please encourage teenagers to post their comments to our moderated discussion boards.

New Research

Further Details and Information

If you want to join our Connect Network contact Lorraine Radford for further details. Membership is free and open to all who share our values and interests in doing and using research to end interpersonal violence. Connect welcomes applications for researchers in the UK and overseas interested in postgraduate study for MPhil or PhDs in the area of interpersonal violence. To talk informally about the benefits of PhD study at Connect contact Lorraine Radford lradford@uclan.ac.uk

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